

LEARNING WITH LAYERS OF FUN AND FRIENDSHIP!

This week, our second graders took learning to a whole new level with Book Report Sandwich Week—a creative, hands-on celebration that brought reading, writing, and friendship together in the most delicious way! Students presented their Book Report Sandwich projects, each one representing the “layers” of their chosen book—from characters and setting to favorite moments and personal reflections. Along the way, they explored expository writing by crafting detailed instructions on how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, read *The Sandwich Swap* by Queen Rania of Jordan, and capped it all off with a joyful Sandwich Day Celebration.

From the first brainstorm to the final bite, students engaged in meaningful, Guided Experiences that helped them grow as readers and writers. Each child designed their own Book Report Sandwich, carefully layering details to show their understanding of the story. During the PB&J writing challenge, they became “instruction experts,” guiding their teacher step-by-step—sometimes leading to funny, sticky, and unforgettable moments! These hands-on experiences not only deepened their understanding of structure and sequence but also showed how learning can be creative, engaging, and full of laughter.

The week wrapped up with full hearts and smiling faces as students reflected on what they learned and how they supported one another throughout the process. Our Heart Check moment came during Sandwich Day, when we talked about the lessons of empathy and kindness from *The Sandwich Swap*—how something as simple as a sandwich can remind us to appreciate our differences and treat others with love. Each child left the week not only a stronger reader and writer, but also a more thoughtful and compassionate friend.

Second grade’s Book Report Sandwich Week was the perfect blend of fun, flavor, and faith—a true example of how learning can nourish both the mind and the heart!



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